

Weather Delays

As it has been mentioned in several emails from our assignors, rain and wind are not reasons to stop a game unless conditions on the field are dangerous. Consulting with the school or site official is recommended.

If you hear thunder or see lightning you should stop the game and clear the field. Find a safe place to wait. You must wait 30 minutes after the last lightning is seen or thunder is heard. If after waiting 25 minutes and you are getting ready to resume play, and then you hear or see another – you start another 30 minute delay.

If less than one complete half of the game has been played it may be re-scheduled. If one complete half or more has been played then the game is declared official.

Officials' Uniforms

As noted on the CCSOA website, the primary uniform style is the new USSF stripe. Yellow is the primary color, black is secondary. Alternate uniforms that can be worn are the old USSF stripe, the old NISOA grid design, or new NISOA solid design. There is no order of preference for the alternate uniforms. However, officials in a crew must wear the same color uniforms and must make every effort to wear the same style of uniform for their game. Socks are to be black with three stripes across the top. No logos on the socks.

2019 NFHS Rule Changes – Clarifications

Rule 3-4-3 The clock shall be stopped in the last 5 minutes of the second half when the leading team makes a substitution.

- The clock is to be stopped regardless of the score.
- The clock shall be stopped when the leading team substitutes simultaneously with the other team. (REVISED)
- The clock shall not be stopped if the losing team has a substitute ready to come in.
- The clock shall not be stopped if it is a tie score.

Rule 9-2-3 Any number of players, including the goalkeeper, may now contest a dropped ball. The referee cannot decide who can contest a dropped ball or determine its outcome.

- If a goalkeeper is one of the players contesting a dropped ball he/she must do so with their feet and not with their hands if inside their own penalty area.
- If a goalkeeper is one of the players contesting a drop ball he/she must do so with their feet if outside their own penalty area.
- *“Any number of players” are allowed to contest a drop ball. Can be two or can be four. While the wording of the rule allows this, a team will most likely only have one player step up to contest the drop. If more than two players are present do your best to make it a safe re-start. (REVISED)*

- If there is a dropped ball in the penalty area and *the opposing team has indicated that they want to give the ball* to the team defending that area then the official can drop the ball at the goalkeeper's feet and it can be picked up. This should be communicated to both teams by the official prior to the drop.
- If the dropped ball is being given to the goalkeeper *in their own penalty area* the keeper is allowed to flick the ball up with their feet and then play it with their hands. If the dropped ball is being given to the goalkeeper *outside their own penalty area* the keeper cannot play the ball with their feet into the penalty area and then play it with their hands.